

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing in the very public interest that your esteemed Commission seems inclined to minimize and disrespect more and more these days. Sir, I write to challenge and decry the Comcast/Time Warner/Adelphia merger (FCC Docket No. 05-192) and the AT&T/BellSouth merger (FCC Docket No. 06-74) as-discovered, in the very strongest of civil terms available under the English Language's overarching limitations.

Mister, what them boys is doin' just ain't right. Do you want to push us all further into tyranny than we have already been thrust toward, these past six years or so, under Mister Bush and his heavily-indicted, ill-founded Administration? (Mr. Cheney's ill-hearted neck is next on the block or in the noose ATCMB, BTW. Karl Rove is now said to be squealing to Mr. Fitzgerald like a stuck pig a-thrashin' on the killing floor.)

Odd, that resemblance. Oddly fitting, indeed. Such a pragmatist!

Sir, your commission's ever allowing the one largest telecommunications company *and* the two largest cable companies in the United States to bloat even further into a new level of voracious obesity does not serve the public interest at all. Not if We the People of these United States still count as the "public" over the interests of telco management and share-price-driven boardroom personnel - a most limited number indeed, by truthful comparison.

Money talks, to be sure. Men wirth money subjugate, too. Don't be subjugated by any such ilk, Sir!

Sure, they got the bux, the guns, the "K" Street Connection. Friend, we have the Numbers. And we've pretty well coded out the number these telcos are out to play on us all Yet Again, much to our ongoing detriment.

The concentration of media power in the hands of a shrinking few is a growing challenge for We the Electorate Populace in this once-free country under Bush/Cheney /et/ /al./ Although we *do* have more channels available than ever before, they all are one and all these days increasingly falling under the iron-fisted control of a tiny handful of mind-numbingly gigantic media/communications "pipeline" corporations.

Fact: Sheer mere quantity is *not* quality in these matters. Just because Rupert Murdoch says to "Just Everybody Now Say It" does not make it so. A lie is a lie is a lie, and no rosey-scented corportae perfumery can aver entirely suppress the underlying aroma of unholy pelf and related ordure. (You know what that is, don't you? S***? Yah. That schlippery schmelly-brown don't-eat-it schtuff.)

Brother, I shall vigorously oppose this ongoing corporate imposition of such a uniformly homogenized video diet of mental pablum and convenient lies as we are now seeing pumped through, even to our broadbased detriment nationwide, even unto my dying day! No torture yet devised by the DoD and its spook-crews shall ever win my consent to my being aggressively "Dumbed Down" by that corporate rat-pack of big-money pinstriped greedy fools - not even those new "Pain Rays" the DoD has ordered up of late.

Crushing my shins one millimeter after another at the screws' turn shall help NOTHING. So HELP STOP the CRIMINAL MADNESS already, won't you kindly?

The cost of broadband service still remains out of reach for many households. "Deregulation" was touted on that war criminal and traitor Reagan's watch as the Best Medicine Ever to prevent that very thing. (I have a GOOD LONG MEMORY, OK?)

Mister Martin, we normal ordinary Americans are just plain starving for more competition in these "Common Carrier" services. Europe and Canada have reason to snicker at us all - especially at guys in really nice shoes such as yours. (Is there no longer such a thing as a "Common Carrier" under your Commission's regs?) However, these proposed mergers will only starve us all (your children too, Brother!) of this intensely-needed competition.

Fact: Your body's allowing AT&T to combine with BellSouth will give the top three broadband providers absolute control of over half of all the broadband Internet connections in the country. At the same time, the Time Warner/Comcast/Adelphia merger will give Comcast and Time Warner downright massive censorship and revenue-gouging power over entire timezone-sized regions of the United States, enabling subscription rates to spirally creep toward the nigh-universally prohibitive level even as the digital divide continues to grow at the obscenely destructive (tho' indeed likely profitable for a season) corporate behest.

Mister, that action is no good for your grandchildren. Do you really think BellSouth will give your granddaughter a free ticket just because you opened such a gate as **they** all demanded back Then ("Just get over it!"), robbing **us** all (YOU TOO!) of our right to know and live by the genuine truth every day?

Lookit: This potential for corporate-enforced mass removal of all public access to actual media-borne reality is just no good, Brother. By definition, that scenario reeks of deliberately induced mass psychosis. All the perps will swear it was an accident and cite the "Faulty Intelligence Mistake" excuse too, just you watch and see it they don't!

Don't take the pill. Don't swallow it, Friend! Resist the temptation, Brother! It is mass P-O-I-S-O-N, plain and simple.

Sir, the FCC should, can and indeed must rightfully block these proposed transactions outright. Even imposing strict conditions to allegedly "protect" free speech and competition under the regs' "public interest standard" only gets you and all the Rest of Us a pocketful of mumbles and a further slide under truthy corporate tyranny's costly iron thumb.

Besides, Washington's "protection" of our national interest is already widely known as Just No Dam' Good at All. (Dubai? New Orleans? Iraq? Secret criminally-motivated mass domestic spying with fully acquiescent telco collaberation? The Ohio and Florida election scams? DO YOU GET IT YET, MAN???)

My throat is sore. So are my fingers. So is my brain, and for right good reason.

The former good faith we all once enjoyed has been broken and used for Executive Washroom sanitary wiping-paper by the Republican party outright. We have all had enough, too. (Discount that "all" by a mere as-pollled 29% and that percentage sinking lower every day at that, and that's the deal on that score.)

Fact: Should your FCC, against all genuine First Principles of sound American polity, indeed actually vote to allow **either** of these proposed mega-corporate mergers, your filthy-enough-already accord just plain must require the following conditions of the as-allowed and ever-converging corporatocracy that your agency shall have by that action of "Faulty Intelligence" (read, outright lies bought-into and the subsequent sellout against all longer-term mass benefit, fallout, blowback and all) shall have by that ill-founded deed been created:

1. Subscribers must remain able to choose their Internet access from competitive Internet Service Providers. (That's called "open access" in plain honest English.) The FCC must also ensure that these companies shall **NEVER!** discriminate against **any** Internet content or rival subscription service at all. Your agency must also make dead certain that every Internet service and subscriber shall be treated exactly the same. With TEETH!

That's called "Network Neutrality". Network neutrality is VITAL to a free society such as the one Mr. Bush's criminal faction and its toadies is even now working to harm and destroy every day. (Do you remember, Sir? Ever at all?)

Or do you and your people really want Anything But That Neutrality Thing??? Lately, I implicitly trust exactly **none** of your kind, that is certain. Bank on that. I myself am not the only one so

distrusting, either. For plenty good and rightful reason, too. Get it?

2. Companies must be required to sell broadband access separate from video and telephone service, and at the same price at that. (The which is called "naked broadband" or "unbundling".)

3. Any subscriber must be able to connect any device to the network (such as a common Wi-Fi router or more exotic freestanding network security "firewall" appliance) that does not in or of itself harm the network.

4. Take substantive, ironclad steps to protect independently-funded community-based local public access programming. Fact is this: Cable companies have become increasingly non-responsive to the needs and requirements of communities since "Deregulation" promised so much and then ran away with Just Everything, the root cause for which ongoing arm-twisting, nut-kickin' robbery I lay at your own Commission's clay feet and compromised procedural structure.

The quality of public accountability in local franchise agreements (oddly, the Federal Government too these days!) has drastically declined as big cable companies leverage their power ("Oo-ooo-hh! POWER! Gimmenow.") to squeeze local governments' purview down to little or nothing. (Travesty in the extreme, yet it has already been done.) Likewise, telecommunications giants such as AT&T are clearly and presently (dangerously too!) out to eliminate the remaining vestiges of effective local oversight and community control altogether.

Is it National Corporatist Fascism yet, Mister Commissioner? So is it this galloping Fascism that you really WANT for your children?? Is **THAT** what YOU WANT??? <puffs of cranial smoke jetting from two rather well-informed ear canals>

5. Independent programmers must be able to reach subscribers. We are already required to buy channels that we don't want or need because these corporate "providers" of video service bundle them all together.

In the words of a young congregant of my own wee global-grade Internet ministry: "Reverend, that s*** SUCKS!"

6. Any company that owns both programming and video systems must first be required to provide competitors with access to their regional sports and other programming needed in order to offer competing services, so consumers will still have genuinely real choices apart from just unplugging, exploding the Telly-Vision by means of available heavy blunt instrument and stopping the cable bill outright. Anything less than that necessary and rightful level of genuine free choice on our parts smacks strong of the Pravda monopoly on USSR media content, back in the Bad Old Days of the

Cold War. (These corporatist-"informed" "American Century" days are no better, mark my words and no mistake.)

Mark of the Liar: "I just want you to know that... <insert expedient utterance here>"

Odd. Your boss in the White House uses that phrase an awful lot in his initial presentations across the continent. Then the deal, which was already done, takes hold. Then reality emerges - after the damage is done. Then we bleed, tie off, bandage, mop up and hobble on. Somehow. Bleeding worse than ever before. Not liking it.

Every time thus far. Too many times to tolerate.

So don't help any Beltway criminal's Good Friend do any more damage. Enough already! Don't be a willing collaborator with this present-day unelected, corrupt and dangerously forcible Regime of Hubris. The money is not worth it. A soul can be sold for dross in a heartbeat; don't do it to yourself.

It's a hostile takeover of the US Government by criminal traitors of the nation and enemies of the Constitution, my friend. You know that full well already, unless you only watch Fox and CNN anyway. The jackals are at your door for One More Nice Meal from your well-manicured hand. (Still got all ten fingers?) But they are already running scared. They just want one more gorge before the day dawns once more, that is all.

Nobody in their right mind would ever knowingly do any part of that toothy-smiling thug crew's bidding. It is a criminal crew, remember?

Sir, you are on notice. You have been warned in many packets, all with good clean NSA/CIA/DoD/etc-monitored (<urgh>) Ethernet under them, just like the famous Ancient Writing on the Wall that you just might have heard about in church.

Um, do you do church? Any genuine Light found in yours? Or is it one of those where the Savior's image behind the pulpit has given way to a wall-sized, satellite-driven CheneyTron array?

Only this time, the warning is passed on to you by a genuinely ordained and tough-spirited Reverend of Genuine Heaven's Holy Company and no sellout to corrupting-though-expedient compromise, OK?

Make no mistake.

In conclusion: I strongly insist the FCC consider the vital interests of *all* 280 million (more/less, now don't you ever start to nitpick or deny this matter away on me like Mr. Hastert and his universally

corrupted apologists always do when approached!) of us ordinary, non-corporatized and hard-working folk such as myself and my congregation. We all these days both pay the cable, telephone and broadband bills *and* are given but to consume the already-narrow, mostly-irrelevant programming for which we do pay, reading between the Fox and CNN News talking heads' fast-moving delivery-lines for truth's discernment, like it or not. Man, it stinks to high Heaven already, you know?

Fact is, many of us already have enough trouble paying for broadband or cable TV plus our own food, heat and lights, plus the inevitable property taxes and repairs or roof-rent, depending. Guess what? Sell us out to the telcos (like you just might if you have indeed been paid by them to do that bit and we all know that!) and we shall have no further reason to keep any part of the gorged-out gutless "service" we shall predictably be /allowed/ to "enjoy" (Bulldada!) by them boys at all! Those mergers they keep pestering you to allow might win a battle, sure, but the greater campaign shall be a net loss, mark my words.

So kindly and lawfully just *don't* make it even harder than it is already for us to find media competitors! Don't make it any easier for Comcast, Time Warner and AT&T to raise prices, block local and independent more-truthful and honest independent voices, "freely and fairly" (Bulldada AGAIN!) facilitate high-speed porn downloads while free independent inquiry and reportage are choked dead off, or otherwise in any manner by any means whatsoever *EVER* further devour us alive and entire any more than they already have. (You know they have. Don't duck. Stop squirming!)

Sir, I say once more: Do not allow these mergers at all. They stand to destroy every element of public interest there is in this American world, period. Stop the egregious corporate crime spree that has indeed been mounted and launched against America and American humanity that these big-bellied, pinstripe-driven, porcine-spirited mergers represent as-proposed. Disallow those mergers outright.

You know you really want to. You have the power, too.

You shall fare well in Heaven once you have done so, of that I am certain. As for those lying greedy cannibalistic corporate top dogs... You do the math on that point for yourself. Just return the money and even drop the briefcase in the Potomac (the Right Incinerator might be even better!) on your way home, if indeed that is pretty much how it all sorta' mighta' really maybe started. (That's called "Courage" followed by "Repentance", and it is beyond all money, more precious than any price.) A far better end shall result for you and (y)our posterity once you have at last done the Right Thing by this matter at hand.

Live truly well, truly genuine! Do right by We the People of these United States. We are not

corporate property, and no form of subtle slavery is acceptable.

Think, "Buy Nothing Week", and imagine for a moment our holding one of those every month, twelve in the first year just to start. Watch the practice spread far and wide! (I have had ten "Buy Nothing" days in a row thus far, myself, and have deeply enjoyed every last one of them.) You know that nobody on the "Supply Side" really just actually wants that - but we shall all indeed organize against any further sellout on your part by such means as that, should the Wrong Thing be attempted on us all once more through your esteemed and prestigious quasi-regulatory as-found offices.

So instead, do your part to save what is left of our disastrously overextended economy by sound and sensible means! Do the Right Thing by